Opening remarks by SDEV on land sale programme for January to March 2020

Following is the transcript of the opening remarks by the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, at a media session today (December 31) on the land sale programme for January to March 2020:

In the fourth quarter of the financial year 2019-20, the Government will sell by tender three residential sites, two in Mong Kok and one on Anderson Road in Kwun Tong. The total estimated flat yield of these three sites is about 1 850 units.

The Anderson Road site is the largest amongst these three sites and will provide about 1 720 units, including 1 000 units as Starter Homes units. The Transport and Housing Bureau will announce in due course more details about these units.

The Urban Renewal Authority will also tender a project at the junction of Tonkin Street and Fuk Wing Street in Sham Shui Po, which will provide about 180 flats. The four sites, taken together, will provide a supply of about 2 030 flats.

Together with the land supply in the first three quarters, the private housing land supply from all sources in this financial year, as of today, has reached almost 90 per cent of our annual target.

As regards commercial sites, the Government will sell by tender one commercial site in Kai Tak, which is capable of providing about 105 000 square metres of floor area. The successful bidder will be required to include a number of welfare facilities on this site, which will take up about 10 per cent of the gross floor area.

Looking ahead, the Government will continue to increase land supply through a multi-pronged approach, and maintain a sustained and steady land supply to meet the community's needs for housing and economic and social development.

Thank you.